GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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CONTRACT FOR DREDGING WORK
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of foreign dredging companies are awarded the contract of dredging work in the country;

(b) if so, the number of dredging work given to foreign companies during the last three years, location-wise and amount-wise;

(c) the reasons for not awarding these jobs to Dredging Corporation of India; and

(d) the steps proposed by the Government for expansion of Dredging Corporation of India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) The following dredging works have been awarded to the foreign dredging companies during the last three years:-

S. No.	Name of the Port	Name of the Foreign Company	Contract Value (Rs.in Cr)
1.	Calcutta Port Trust	M/s HAM Dredging and Marine Contractor, Netherlands	280.45
2.	Chennai Port Trust	M/s JAN DE NUL, N.V., Belgium.	84.79
3.	Visakhapatnam Port Trust.	M/s Dredging International, NV, Belgium.	10.21
4.	Cochin Port Trust.	M/s VAN OORD ACZ	108.80
5.	Mumbai Port Trust	M/s HAM Dredging and Marine Contractor, Netherlands.	62.29
6.	Tuticorin Port Trust	M/s JAN DE NUL, N.V., Belgium.	170.38

(c) The Dredging Corporation of India Ltd. does not have adequate capacity to take up all the dredging works at the Major Ports. In view of this the Major Ports have been permitted to invite competitive bids.

(d) The Dredging Corporation of India Ltd. has placed orders for two more Trailer Suction Dredgers of 7400 cu.m. capacity each and with the addition of these two dredgers, DCI`s installed capacity(Insitu) would go up to about 56 million cu.m. per annum from the 41.5 million cu.m. at present.